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ELDAR SHAFIR

"The Scarcity Mindset and its Consequences"

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43201

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Eldar Shafir is the William Stewart Tod Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs at Princeton University, and co-founder and scientific director at **ideas42**, a social science R&D lab. He studies decision-making, cognitive science, and behavioral economics. His recent research has focused on decision-making in contexts of poverty and on the application of behavioral research to policy. He was a member of President Obama's Advisory Council on Financial Capability, and is past president of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, a member of the Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Roundtable, and a senior fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

Shafir has received several awards, most recently a Guggenheim Fellowship. He was named one of Foreign Policy Magazine's 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013. He recently edited *The Behavioral Foundations of Public Policy* (Princeton University Press, 2012), and has co-authored, with economist Sendhil Mullainathan, *Scarcity: Why Having Too Little Means So Much* (Henry Holt Times Books, 2013). He received his B.A. from Brown University and Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Abstract

This talk will review some recent research into the psychology that emerges in contexts of scarcity, and the decisions -- occasionally commendable, often problematic -- that ensue. Some implications for thinking about scarcity (especially poverty) and for policy will be considered.

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